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In re Application of:)
YIN et al.)
Serial No.: 10/662,404) Art Unit: 1744
Filed: September 16, 2003) Examiner: Joyner, K.
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) Docket No. 70566-0016
STEAM STERILIZATION OF ARTICLES)

ELECTION

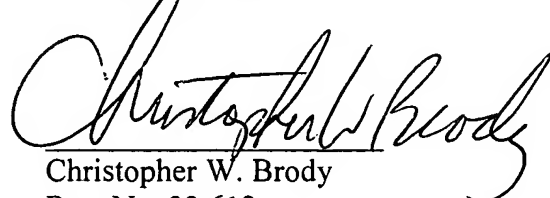
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention, claims 1-7. Applicants also reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Please charge any deficiency and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

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